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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 @ 6:30PM

The Public Hearing on the Budget was chaired by Nora Feury. Present were members of the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee along with some community residents. State Senator Efrain Gonzalez representing the community was also present.

The Capital Budget was reviewed with no changes to the other of CB7's priorities. Each budget item was reviewed with the following comments:

- I. Comments regarding Capital Budget requests:
 - A. Request 4: Beautify the Grand Concourse from Mosholu Parkway to Kingsbridge to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Emphasize safety – beauty.
 - B. Request 1: We are requesting that the building be sold to a private developer and used as a community center. Presently the Community Board has 2 interested parties
 - C. Request 2: Schools with 500 seats at the Kingsbridge Armory
 - D. Request 3: The Parks Department developed a master plan with several phases for the renovation of Mosholu Parkway and the adjoining park-land.
 - E. Request 5: Waterfront greenway on the Harlem River revenue enhancer – tourist attraction enhance business – promote jobs. Environmental asset
 - F. Request 6: Request design from DOT of Coles Lane improvements
 - G. Request 8: Create a sewer design to correct condition
 - H. Requests 9 &10: Milling and surfacing request – send to our local congressmen for consideration of stimulus funding.
 - I. Request 11: Already being implemented as part of the Safe Streets for Seniors project
 - J. Request 12: Consider asking as a part of the Armory Package
 - K. Request 13: It is a state law that the DOE must provide recreational activities for students. We find it alarming that the DOE would refuse to fund this request
 - L. Request 15: Include DOT on this request, hazard due to possible wall collapse
 - M. Request 16: DOE fails to meet its mandate to provide recreational activities, etc. PS 51 continues to use a public street for recess. Using the street which has never been approved by DOT.
 - N. Request 17: Parks needs to find money for a security system at WBO.
- II. Public who attended were in agreement of supporting the budget with the above changes. Former Senator Efrain Gonzalez offered suggestions and continued support
- III. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM